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Early Morning Blaze Leads to Arrest for Arson and Murder

Riverside, CA - On Friday, April 20, 2012, at approximately 4:49 AM, personnel from the Riverside Fire Department responded to the area of Streeter and Dewey for a report of the smell of smoke. Firefighters located a house emitting a large amount of smoke in the 6200 block of Sheridan. Firefighters learned there were three occupants that live in the residence and entered the location to search for victims. An elderly male and female were located in separate locations inside the residence and removed from the house. Firefighters began life saving efforts for both victims who were ultimately transported to a local hospital.

The 75 year old male victim died at the hospital. The 73 year old female victim is in critical condition at this time. The victim's name is not being released at this time at the request of the Riverside County Sheriff's/Coroner's office.

The third female, Deborah Marie Clark, a 46 year old Riverside resident, was not located inside the residence and officers from the Riverside Police Department were contacted for a possible missing person's investigation. While fire personnel and police officers were at the residence, Ms. Clark returned. Ms. Clark was transported to the Magnolia Avenue Police Facility for further investigation and was ultimately booked into the Robert Presley Detention Facility for 187 P.C. / Murder and 451 P.C. / Arson

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